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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONIn the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0049] with the following amended paragraph:

[0049] Accordingly, license store 110 can act as a central storage location for licensing enforcement system 100. Monitoring component 120 utilizes license data from license store 110 to determine compliance with end user licensing agreements (EULAs) in real-time. Monitoring component 120 monitors and manages the number of valid licenses stored in license store 110 and the number of licenses used. Monitoring component 120 can then notify enforcement system 130 if there is any discrepancy. Monitoring component 120 can support a plurality of licensing schemes including ~~be~~ but not limited to user-based licensing and device-based licensing. A user-licensing scheme requires a license for every user accessing or using licensed systems or applications, whereas a device-licensing scheme requires a license for each device (e.g., computer) that accesses a licensed application. For example, if a server application was installed with five valid licenses for distribution in accordance with a user-licensing scheme and after all licenses had been distributed a sixth user attempted to log on, the monitoring component 120 could notify the enforcement component of the attempt of a sixth user to logon with only five valid or authorized licenses. If the a similar application is installed on five devices in accordance with a device licensing scheme, then the sixth user would be authorized as long as they logged on to one of the five licensed devices.

Please replace paragraph [0054] with the following amended paragraph:

[0054] FIG. 2 depicts a block diagram of a license component 200 in accordance with an aspect of the present invention. License component 200 is computer program product that, inter alia, installs digitized licenses to a license store 110. Accordingly, license component 200 can be stored on a computer readable medium or transferred electronically as a group or package of components to facilitate adding licenses to a system. License component 200, as shown, includes installation component 210, activation component 220, and license data 230.

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Installation component 210 provides the mechanism for storing license data 230 to license store 110 (FIG. 1). Activation component 220 provides a mechanism for activating license component 200. According to one aspect of the present invention, licenses activation is required before license data 230 can be installed or saved to license store 110 so as to provide licenses to license enforcement system 100. Requiring license component activation provides increased security and mitigation of piracy by allowing the license component to be installed only a certain number of times (e.g., once, twice, ten times . . .) as determined by a distributing entity. An activation system and process will be described in further detail in later sections. Furthermore, it should be noted that while activation component 220 is illustrated separate from installation component 210 the present invention contemplates the combination of the two components. License data 230 is protected information (e.g., encrypted) that is stored in license store 110 concerning the number of licenses, the type of license, and other license restrictions.

Please replace paragraph [0062] with the following amended paragraph:

[0062] FIGS. 8-16 illustrate an exemplary wizard or graphical user interface for adding and activating licenses. Each figure illustrates a GUI including a plurality of images and interface objects or elements to facilitate guiding a user through a plurality of selection options associated with adding and activating a license. It should be noted, however, that these illustrations are provided by way of example and not limitation. As one of skill in the art can appreciate, there is a multitude of ways to arrange and present graphical user interfaces. The depicted GUIs illustrate only one arrangement and are presented for purposes of clarity and understanding and not to limit the scope of the present invention.